

surprised to learn that the BNHS/WWF expedition to Ladakh in the summer of 1976 did not record this bird in spite of a special look out for it.

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12. BLACKTHROATED WEAVER BIRD [*PLOCEUS BENGHALENSIS* (LINNAEUS)] BREEDING NEAR BHAVNAGAR (SAURASHTRA)

I found *Ploceus benghalensis* breeding in a stagnant pond few miles south of Bhavnagar in a group of *Typha latifolia* Linne. on 7th October, 1976. There were in all four nests, one without a tubular entrance and not in use. The three occupied had tube entrances measuring as follows: 15, 11, and 8½ cm, the first and last placed close to each other. There was only one cock bird with three hens. Two nests had young, the bird probably young or eggs. I found the species rather shy. The nests are

slightly smaller than the common baya and the material used finer. This is the first time I have seen this species nesting in Saurashtra. Referring to HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN by Sálim Ali & Ripley, Vol. 10, p. 97, I find that in distribution for Gujarat (Deesa, Baroda and Kaira Districts) only are mentioned and as a vagrant in Kutch. I hope therefore, this record will add to its distribution.

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13. THE BIRDS OF GOA: A CORRECTION

In our paper on "The Birds of Goa" published in the Journal of Bombay Natural History Society (1976) Vol. 73(1), pp. 42-53, we had marked the race of *Falco tinnunculus* (serial No. 15) as *interstinctus* McClelland. It should

read *tinnunculus* Linnaeus. Also under serial No. 82, 'from feathers' should read 'from anterior border of nostril'.

These errors were pointed out by Mr Humayun Abdulali, whose interest is appreciated.

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